



**MINUTES -- 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 12, 2002  
Regular Governing Board Meeting**

**Desert Sonora Elementary Cafetorium**  
301 North Carlisle Avenue  
Somerton, Arizona

**Attending Board** Leticia Yopez  
Martha J. Camacho

Luis Heredia

Dale Phillips

**Absent Board** J. Scott Omer

**Attending Public** Bill Rhodes  
Ivette Carrillo  
Alma Elia Figueroa  
Yanett Diaz  
Alma Flores  
Maria de Lourdes Lopez  
Jeanie Volpe  
Cliff O'Neill  
Allen Hersh  
Roxanna Colvin  
George Blek  
Carlos Gutierrez  
Anthony Castro  
Susan Rice  
Ivette Carrillo  
Celia Pompa  
Hector Sanchez  
Charles Garner  
Judith Bobbitt

Celine Fernández  
Maribel Quezada  
Maria I. Figueroa  
Jerry Cabrera  
Venessa Rosales  
Luz Nogales  
Sonia A. Castillo  
Maria P. Vasquez  
Theresa Garcia  
Ken Huffman  
Mike Slawinski  
Blanche Odom  
Dionata Rosales  
Daniel Quezada  
Ruth Espinoza  
Mercedes Ruiz  
Denise Robles  
Maria G. Castillo

Jose Siruno  
Sofia Saenz  
Margarita Sandoval  
Lucina Gamez Figueroa  
Bob Cassidy  
Luz Gutierrez  
Rosa Maria Figueroa  
Duane Sheppard  
Irasema Maxwell  
Patsy Howerton  
Paul Filby  
Jody Attaway  
Jennifer Tiberio  
Maribel Quezada  
Emma Luna  
Herminia Sanchez  
Jeanie Volpe  
Rose Arévalo

**1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1.a. Call to Order**

**Mr. Phillips**

Mr. Phillips called the Meeting to Order at 6:02 p.m.

**1.b. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Mr. Phillips**

- Desert Sonora Presentation

**Ms. Fernández**

**Information**

Miss Colvin introduced Desert Sonora's Student Councils members before they led the Pledge. Ms. Fernandez introduced the Beginning Violin Group and the Singing Hawks. They performed before the meeting. Parent League Officers gave their financial status in regard to fund raisers and t-shirt sales. Attending parents were thanked for their assistance with fund raisers.

Mr. Phillips thanked the parents for their presentations and attendance, reminding them that they are an important part that will move our students toward being leaders of our future.

**1.c. Audience with Individuals**

**Mr. Phillips**

**Information**

Mr. Rhodes, SEA Co-President and spokesperson for Certified Meet and Confer Team. Presently, they have 68 members, which is the majority of the certified staff. The Team will be meeting at each site for input from staff and they will forward a summary to the Board for their review.

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| <b>1.d. Approval of Board Minutes</b>  | <b>Mr. Phillips</b>                   | <b>Action</b> |
| Executive Session -- September 9, 2002 |                                       |               |
| Regular Session -- October 14, 2002    | Executive Session -- October 14, 2002 |               |

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve Executive Session Minutes for September 9 and October 14.

**MOTION:** Mr. Heredia moved to approve, Mrs. Camacho seconded, Motion carried.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve Regular Session Minutes for October 14.

Mr. Heredia mentioned that the Minutes reflected a stipend amount of \$2,500, but should have been \$2,000. Mrs. Camacho agreed.

**MOTION:** Mr. Heredia moved to approve the Minutes with the correction to the stipend figure, Mrs. Camacho seconded, Motion carried

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| <b>1.e. Call for Executive Session</b>            | <b>Mr. Phillips</b> | <b>Action</b> |
| <b>A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A.1) Executive Sessions</b> |                     |               |

Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body, except that, with the exception of salary discussions, an officer, appointee or employee may demand that the discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting. The public body shall provide the officer, appointee or employee with written notice of the executive session as is appropriate but not less than twenty-four hours for the officer, appointee or employee to determine whether the discussion or consideration should occur at a public meeting.

**A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A.3) Executive Sessions**

Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body.

**A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A.4) Executive Sessions**

Discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation.

Mrs.. Bobbitt said no need for Executive Session.

**2. REPORTS**

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| <b>2.a. Superintendent's Report</b> | <b>Mrs. Bobbitt</b> | <b>Information</b> |
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Mrs. Bobbitt explained that Mr.Omer was attending meetings in Phoenix . She continued by saying that through a Professional Retired Baseball Association, Nike, and APS, the District received 80 pair of baseball shoes worth about \$65 each. The shoes will be distributed to students.

Dr. Blek was introduced as the Middle School's Interim Supervisor who came with wonderful recommendations from Arizona School Boards Association and Dr. Gus Headington.

Mrs. Bobbitt introduced Mr. Allen Hersh from Healthy Kids Dental to explain the program that is Item 4.9 for the Board's consideration. Mr. Hersh explained that the program serves over 200 Arizona public schools, Head Start programs, domestic violence shelters, and the homeless. The program provides free dental care with no cost or risk to the school districts. The school provides a room for them to work from, the school nurse provides information, and Healthy Kids Dental contacts parents. Local Novacaine is used, so students are able to return to class shortly after they've received care and

The Program works with Kids Care and arranges deductibles as needed for students that have insurance. Typically, they work with fifteen children per visit and visit every 30-60 days. A dentist has committed to relocating to the area to care for Arizona children's dental needs. This is important because there are only 280 AHCCCS dentists in the state, because of the shortage, funds were returned to the state at year end.

Students receive local Novacaine only, which enables them to return to class after being seen by the dentist. Cavities can be filled the first time a student is seen. No child is excluded, but if they have insurance, parents will be reminded that they will have to pay their co-pay. If students are AHCCCS eligible, there will be no cost to them.

A question was asked about schools in the area that have medical clinics. Mr. Hersh explained that clinics are not staffed all the time and not all students are seen by the medical staff. Just to give the Board an idea, he mentioned that an oral exam would run about \$225, but is free through their program.

Mrs. Yopez asked about major procedures that may be needed. The Program refers those cases and uncooperative students to local dentists. Ninety-five percent of students are seen by them. The equipment is self-contained and mobile, all sterilization is done in Phoenix, and bilingual staff are available. There were no further comments or questions.

**2.b. Administrator's/Director's Report Information**

Mrs. Bobbitt mentioned that several staff were out of town and noted staff that were present.

**2.c. Student Activity Information**

Mrs. Bobbitt explained that auditors require Student Activity to be presented to the Board monthly. Having it on the Agenda allows for discussion as needed.

**2.d. Board Member Report Information**

Mr. Heredia thanked parents for attending. He added that the Board hopes to serve as models for Parent Leagues as well as getting visibility throughout the District. In addition, he thanked parents and students for their presentations. He reported that about 70% voted in favor of the bond election. Mrs. Bobbitt added that Somerton and Ganado Districts were the two highest in the state passing bonds. In addition, the Board congratulated Mr. Phillips and Mr. Omer on their being re-elected to the Board.

**3. PERSONNEL**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Mrs. Bobbitt Action**

Items 4.01-4.10 may be approved in one motion under the Consent Agenda. If a particular item is to be discussed, it may be pulled from the Consent Agenda and taken as a separate agenda item. The Board may take action on the following items or defer them to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**3.1 HIRING**

- 3.1.a.** Blek, Dr. George Interim Supervisor, Somerton Middle School
- 3.1.b.** Sanchez, Ana Laura Pre-School Teacher, Desert Sonora Elementary
- 3.1.c.** Juarez, Benjamin Bus Driver, Transportation
- 3.1.d.** Soliz, Rosa Parent Liaison, Somerton Middle School

**3.2 REQUEST FOR RELEASE FROM CONTRACT / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS**

- 3.2.a.** Hernandez, Abigail Bus Driver, Transportation
- 3.2.b.** Webber, John Teacher, Somerton Middle School
- 3.2.c.** Muñoz, Maria Cafeteria Monitor, Orange Grove Elementary
- 3.2.d.** Medina, Maria Cafeteria Monitor, Orange Grove Elementary
- 3.2.e.** Newhard, Betty Accounts Payable, District Office
- 3.2.f.** Iribe, Emma Instructional Assistant, Somerton Middle School

**3.3 REASSIGNMENT**

- 3.3.a.** Moreno, Manuela Bus Driver, Transportation
- 3.3.b.** Benitez, Cristina Bus Driver, Transportation
- 3.3.c.** Lugo, Amelia Instructional Assistant, Desert Sonora Elementary
- 3.3.d.** Neblina, Karla Long Term Substitute Teacher, Orange Grove Elementary
- 3.3.e.** Neblina, Karla Teacher, Orange Grove Elementary
- 3.3.f.** Jaquez, Julieta Food Service

### 3.4 FOOD SERVICE STAFFING

- 3.4.a. Meza, Blanca      3.4.c. Figueroa, Anadelia      3.4.e. Porchas, Maria C.  
3.4.b. Peralta, Martha      3.4.d. Morales, Martin

### 3.5 ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

- 3.5.a. Welsing, Jeff  
3.5.b. Castillo, Maria

#### • Technology Coaches

- 3.5.c. Garlit, Russ      3.5.e. Touchet, Jean  
3.5.d. Parker, Leanne      3.5.f. Volpe, Tom

#### 3.5.g. After School Programs (Title 1 & Title 3)

#### • Substitute

- 3.5.h. Ehler, Paul

#### • Long Term Substitute

- 3.5.i. Isla, Jesus      Somerton Middle School

#### • Special Education Stipends - District

##### 3.5.j.01-13

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| 01. Almanza, Olga      | 06. Karwoski, Kurt  | 11. Ricciutti, M. Lisa |
| 02. Cale, Donna        | 07. Lowry, Mariya   | 12. Ullery, Guadalupe  |
| 03. Garza, Elizabeth   | 08. Martinez, Maria | 13. Sanchez, A. Laura  |
| 04. Garcia, Manuel P.  | 09. Papaioanu, Thea |                        |
| 05. Joanicot, Eduviges | 10. Reeves, Cathy   |                        |

#### • ESL/Bilingual Stipends - District

##### 3.5.k.01-57

#### Full ESL Stipend:

01. Anaya, Gema (ESL)
02. Arvizo, Cecilia (ESL)
03. Attaway, Jody (ESL)
04. Brienza, Patricia (ESL)
05. Camarillo, Adriana (ESL)
06. Cavanaugh, Barbara(ESL)
07. Chávez, Annette (ESL)
08. Clark-Tuttle, Judy (ESL)
09. Colvin, Roxanna (ESL)
10. Garcia, Theresa (ESL)
11. Garner, Charles (ESL)
12. Gonzalez, Mone (ESL)
13. Howerton, Patsy (ESL)
14. Johnson, Linda (ESL)
15. Karwoski, Kurt (ESL)
16. Klotz, Melany (ESL)
17. Ledet, Frances (ESL)
18. Llanes, Yvonne (ESL)
19. Lutich, Mariah (ESL)
20. Phar, Siobhan (ESL)
21. Rhodes, William (ESL)
22. Robles, Beatriz (ESL)

#### 23. Sharp, Marichu (ESL)

24. Sheppard, Duane (ESL)
25. Slawinski, Mike (ESL)
26. Spearman, Bill (ESL)
27. Humphrey, Eva (ESL)
28. Steinfeldt, Jane (ESL)
29. Stillings, Mary (ESL)
30. Volpe, Jean (ESL)
31. Volpe, Thomas (ESL)
32. Weekes, Robert (ESL)
33. Wilson, Madeleine (ESL)
34. Parker, Leanne (ESL)
35. Glover, Jeanne (ESL)
36. Odom, Blanche (ESL)
37. Lowry, Mariya (ESL)

#### Provisional ESL Endorsement:

38. Arvizu, Paz (PES)
39. Carroll, Myrna (PES)

#### Provisional Bilingual Endorsement:

40. Lupercio, Araceli (PBE)
41. Martinez, Jessica (PBE)

#### Full Bilingual Endorsement:

42. Bohón, Juan (BSP)
43. Bohón, A. Laura (BEN)
44. Cabrera, Gerardo (BSP)
45. Caiazzo, Maria (BET)
46. Chávez, Matt (BSP)
47. Fernandez, Celine (BSP)
48. Lopez, Maria (BET)
49. Martinez, Gracie (BET)
50. Maxwell, Irasema (BSP)
51. Medina, Petra (BSP)
52. Moreno, Javier (BSP)
53. Navarro, Liz (BEN)
54. Nuñez, Maria (BEN)
55. Sanchez, Rosa (BSP)
56. Vásquez, María P. (BSP)
57. Villafaña, Juan (BSP)

Mrs. Bobbitt recommended Business and Finance Consent Agenda Items for approval. Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve.

**MOTION:** Mr.Heredia so moved, Mrs. Yepez seconded, Motion carried. Mr. Heredia mentioned that ESL stipends need to tie into learning activities, so teachers know it is an added incentive because Administration values their ESL endorsement. Mrs. Bobbitt mentioned that Mrs. Volpe will put together a task force for the second semester to bring information to the Board. Motion carried.

#### **4. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**Mrs. Bobbitt Action**

##### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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- 4.01. Approval to Ratify October Accounts Payable Vouchers**
- 4.02. Approval of Fee Schedule of All Extra-Curricular Activities**
- 4.03. Approval of Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) with WACOG Head Start**
- 4.04. Approval of IGA with Southern Yuma County Interscholastic Association**
- 4.05. Approval of IGA with City of Somerton for Resource Officer**
- 4.06. Approval of IGA with Yuma County Department of Public Health**
- 4.07. Approval of IGA with Yuma County Election Service**
- 4.08. Approval of IGA with Yuma County for Orange Grove Area Park**
- 4.09. Approval of IGA with The City of Somerton for Joint Facility Use**
- 4.10. Approval of IGA with Healthy Kids Dental Program**

Mrs. Bobbitt recommended Consent Agenda Items 4.01 through 4.10 for approval. Mr. Heredia asked to pull Item 4.08 for additional discussion before entertaining a Motion to approve.

**MOTION:** Mr. Heredia approve Items 4.01-4.07 and 4.09-4.10, Mrs. Camacho seconded, Motion carried.  
**END CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **4.08. Approval of IGA with Yuma County for Orange Grove Area Park**

A representative from Yuma County explained that they received funds for material and equipment but that the operations and maintenance of the park would be the responsibility of the District. Mrs. Bobbitt added that that, by law, the park would revert to the ownership of the District, and the agreement would be to continue to work with Orange Grove area parents so those facilities would be there. It will be situated in an area that would allow for expansion of the school and improvement to the school and park as needed in the future.

Mrs. Bobbitt said that the District's insurance carrier was not as concerned as she was in regard to the District's liability. Mr. Heredia said that he felt that the County would also be liable, should an accident occur.

**MOTION:** Mr. Heredia moved to approve the IGA, Mrs. Yepez seconded, Motion carried.

##### **4.11. Approval of Issue RFP for Architectural Services and Construction Manager at Risk Services**

Mrs. Bobbitt recommended Issuing of RFP as submitted. The first priority would be to look at building preschool, kinder and adult education facilities. Mrs. Bobbitt will be going to the State Facilities Board meeting tomorrow and Thursday. The CM at Risk is being recommended again. The CM at Risk is being used for new construction at Somerton Middle School. They now have been working hard on cost figures which is very beneficial to the District. Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yepez so moved, Mrs. Camacho seconded, Motion carried.

##### **4.12. Approval to Appeal Assessment of Impact Fees by the City of Somerton**

Mrs. Bobbitt explained that at the time funding was being requested for Middle School construction, the District was not aware of the \$25,000 Impact Fee the City is charging. This amount was not budgeted. If approved, Mrs. Bobbitt will send a letter requesting City Council waive the fee, or agree for the District to make installments if it is not waived, or the Board may decide to find funds to pay.

Mr. O'Neill explained that the impact fees are for water and sewer expansion. He said that when Desert Sonora and Tierra Del Sol were built, the District was not charged, he didn't know why. He added that because Staff cannot recommend a fee being waived, he would request the fee to be paid. He asked that the District's architect be given his name so that they could work together on future projects as needed. The City of Somerton does not have a property tax, which means impact fees have to be charged to keep up with new development. Mrs. Bobbitt thanked Mr. O'Neill and mentioned to the Board that the District hopes to continue the good working relationship with him and his staff. Mr. Heredia added that schools are non-profit agencies and are not fully funded as other government agencies may be.

Mrs. Bobbitt said she would be at a School Facilities Board meeting in the morning and would check with Yuma County school staff to see if they've had success doing this. Mr. O'Neill said all he could suggest was to ask for the item to be placed on the Agenda for discussion.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve.

**MOTION:** Mr. Heredia to approve appeal as presented by staff, Mrs. Yepez seconded, Motion carried.

#### **4.13. Second Reading of Policy Advisories**

- No. 212 Policy ECB/ECB Buildings and Grounds Maintenance
- No. 213 Policy GBEB/GBCB (1) - Staff Conduct
- No. 214 Policy GBI/GBG - Staff Participation in Political Activities
- No. 215 Policy IHA/IGA - Basic Instructional Program  
Policy IHA-E/IGA-E - Basic Instructional Program
- No. 216 Policy JIC/JFC - Student Conduct
- No. 217 Policy KFA/KGB - Public Conduct on School Property

Mrs. Bobbitt informed the Board that the Policy Advisories were sent to staff for review. There were a few editorial changes. She recommended this item for approval.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve.

**MOTION:** Mr. Heredia so moved, Mrs. Yepez seconded, Motion carried.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yepez so moved, Mrs. Camacho seconded, Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Board President or Clerk's Signature

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Date